

CUT WHALE IN TWO.

Curious Experience of Transport Dix in Pacific Ocean.

A collision with a monster whale in mid-ocean was the experience of the officers of the U. S. Transport Dix, which arrived in port from Manila. Shortly after leaving Nagasaki, May 19, the Dix ran over a sleeping whale, and the big transport simply made mince meat out of the big fish.

Officers of the vessel say that the whale was asleep only a few feet under the surface of the water. The shock of the collision with the monster was felt by those on board. The bottom of the Dix is flat, and after the ship had passed over the whale the propeller caught in its flesh, and the water for many yards about the vessel was red with its blood.

Floated Uninjured.

While the comparatively new fishing schooner Winifred was making her way out of Boston Wednesday evening, bound to this port to discharge her trip of fish for which she found no market at T wharf, she ran ashore on the Lower Middle, where she remained until yesterday morning, when she was hauled aloft by the tugboat Clara E. Uhler, Capt. Ross. Fortunately the weather was fine and the vessel rested easily while ashore. She was not leaking and apparently sustained no damage of importance. She proceeded on her way here, arriving last evening.

MADE GOOD RETURNS.

Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Bohemia Have Big Stocks.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Lovitt E. Hines, weighed off 268,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent salt bank trip, making the splendid stock of \$9244.66, which is one of the largest stocks made by any vessel of the salt bank fleet this season. Capt. Hines' reputation as a successful master mariner and business man is too well known to need any extended praise. Sufficient to say that he is and always has been in the front rank of the salt bank skippers for many years.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, stocked \$8148.70 on her recent salt bank trip, weighing out 243,930 pounds of salt cod. This is a fine trip and the genial captain's many friends are pleased at his success. Capt. Seeley is one of the young skippers of the fleet, but his success since taking command, both in the salt bank and Newfoundland herring fishery has been such as to win for him deserved credit for his ability and energy.

Mackerel Sale.

The fare of sch. Rob Roy sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.25 per barrel.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Reuben Cameron, stocked \$5352 on her recent seining trip, the crew making the fine share of \$139. Capt. Cameron, as usual, is right up in the front rank.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Scavey, stocked \$3200 on her recent seining trip.

FISHES THAT ARE RACERS.

Study of the speed of fishes is embarrassed by unavoidable difficulties.

culties says the New York Evening Post. It is not possible, as with birds, to set up tall poles at intervals of a quarter of a mile, and, with the help of stop-watches, time them as they go by. Nevertheless, recent investigation of the subject goes to show that the mackerel, if not the champion racer of the briny deep, comes pretty near to carrying off the honors. Unquestionably it travels sometimes as fast as an express train at high speed—say, at the rate of sixty, or possibly seventy, miles an hour.

"Other things being equal, the larger the fish, the faster it swims—just as the huge steamship is able to travel at a speed much greater than the little harbor tug. Undoubtedly, the energy employed by a fish of great size, such as a thirty-foot shark, when traveling at its best gait, is something tremendous. An ordinary tug, which represents a maximum of energy in a minimum of bulk, utilizes about two hundred horse power. Of course, it is only a guess, but it would not seem to be over the mark to suppose that a seventy-foot whale makes use of five hundred horse-power when it propels its huge bulk through the water at a rate of thirty miles an hour. A whale—which is a mammal, and not a fish—might be compared to a freight train if the shark is a cannon-ball express, but it can beat the fastest "ocean greyhound" in a contest.

"If there is a fish that can travel faster than a shark, it must be the tarpon, which can probably "hit her up" to the tune of eighty miles an hour, if pressed for time. Generally speaking, it may be said that finny creatures which live near the surface of the sea are swift swimmers, as compared with those that dwell in the depths. Thus the cod, which is a deep water species, is sluggish, and would stand no show at all in a race with the mackerel or herring. These latter, which are distinctively pelagic, depend for their living upon their activity in pursuing agile prey, and they must be quick in their movements in order to escape the attacks of their own enemies.

"If the mackerel was as big as a good-sized shark, it would probably be the speed champion of the ocean. No fish is better shaped for rapid going. Some years ago a yacht-builder in New York constructed a sloop with a hull patterned exactly after the underbody of a Spanish mackerel. She was called the Undine, and, if tradition does not lie, she never was beaten. Like the fish after which she was modeled, she had her greatest breadth of beam forward of amidships—a decidedly novel idea in boat-building. One may say, indeed, that all modern water-craft are more or less fishlike in their make-up; yet, on the whole, it is surprising that marine architects have not striven more earnestly than they have done to obtain hints from nature's own illustrations of aquatic speed-making principles."

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Dictator, LaHave Bank, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shacking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Mettacom, swordfishing.
Sch. Niagara, Georges halibuting.
Sch. Rob Roy, seining.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, shacking.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shacking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 41 swordfish.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 16,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$3; swordfish, 7 cents.

Mackerel Notes.

Since the beginning of the week and the opening of business on Sunday, 27 sail from from the mackerel fleet have arrived at Boston with a total of 406,500 of fresh and 1141 barrel of salt mackerel, a record which for the same period has never been surpassed in the history of the fish business of that city.

Sch. Seacomet, Capt. Enos Nickerson, was at Boston yesterday with 7000 fresh mackerel and 25 barrels of salt mackerel.

The fare of sch. Slade Gorton sold to Slade Gorton & Co. at \$14.25 per barrel.

The fares of schs. Arthur Binney and Arthur James sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.25 per barrel.

A dispatch received here this morning by John Nagle from Capt. Davis at Watch Hill reports plenty of mackerel schooling off there.

TOWBOAT REPORTS.

That Many Seiners Are Doing Well Off South Shoal.

Fresh and Salt Mackerel Catch Compared with Last Year.

Last night's Boston Herald prints the following paragraph:

"After landing 300,000 fresh mackerel at T wharf this week, 26 big mackerel seiners are reported working in big schools of mackerel between the South Shoal light and the Georges banks. Tug boat captains coming in past the fishing grounds this morning reported seeing vessels at work in huge schools of fish, and that fish were to be sighted in all directions from Nantucket light to South Shoal light and seaward as far as the Georges banks. Every vessel was salting down split mackerel and filling every barrel on board before getting their supply of fresh mackerel for the run to this port. It is expected that next week, even the immense amount of fresh mackerel landed at T wharf this week will be exceeded.

A despatch from Tracadie, P. E. I., on Wednesday says that a large body of mackerel were schooling off the island, about 10 miles off the land and the netters did well.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 17,900 barrels against 17,987 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date this year is 41,333 barrels, against 41,916 barrels at this time in 1904.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, stocked \$3500 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$86.

Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. William H. Cluett, stocked \$2540 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$60.

Mackerel are reported schooling off Race Point. On Thursday the steamer Angelia B. Nickerson took 30 barrels off there and sch. Angielena took 1000 mackerel in count. Both landed at Provincetown.

A few mackerel are being received at Boston from Stonington, Conn.

This is the biggest mackerel day the ports of Gloucester and Boston have seen for a long time, the receipts at both places aggregating 4773 barrels of salt mackerel and 259,000 fresh mackerel in count, the latter being about 4000 barrels or better of round fish, iced.

Last week, when several seiners arrived, they reported that there had been plenty of mackerel on the southeast part of Georges, but that it had been foggy for almost two weeks, and that comparatively few fish had been taken. For two days they reported the fog scaled up and the vessels did well, and one very careful skipper, who arrived the first of the week, estimated that there were 6000 barrels of salt mackerel afloat.

During the middle of the week the fog shut in again and the vessels did nothing, but on Friday and Saturday it scaled up again and 25 or 30 miles to the westward of where they had been fishing about 30 or 40 sail of the fleet struck on to a large body of fish, which were very easy to catch.

Those which had salt mackerel on board got good hauls and ran fresh and many of the fleet which had just come out, having been in landing fish, also got big hauls, salted some, iced the rest and all drove for market, and today's big receipts are the result.

According to all accounts, Friday and Saturday were "gasoliners" days, for it was quite calm and the auxiliaries had the advantage, and how well they profited by it is shown by the big fares they have in today. It is reported that one gasoliner at least helped one of her own firm's vessels by towing her around with her, thus saving her captain and crew some long hard rows, and she also got a big fare, although out from here but a few days. Over half the fleet which are at Bos-

ton today have been out from port but four or five days, so they must have struck the fish solid and drove for all there was in them.

The most pleasant feature of the whole thing is, that in spite of the big receipts, there was no drop in price, either on the salt or fresh mackerel, the former bringing \$14.25 per barrel and every trip at this port was sold before 10 o'clock at this figure, while at Boston the fresh mackerel all went at 12 cents each. At this port the fresh ones brought from 11 to 13 cents each. The market showed surprising firmness and all the salt fares were sold quickly, which was a most gratifying sign.

The fares at this port are as follows:

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, 214 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Golden Rod, Capt. Norman Ross, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 9000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. William Corkum, 280 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, 215 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. John Madson, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 8000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Muriel, Capt. Jason Daley, 275 bbls. salt mackerel, 7000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Jerry Cook, 225 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry F. Curtis, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Christopher Carrigan, 322 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Norumbega, Capt. John McKinnon, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 10,000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Faustina, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, 200 bbls. salt mackerel, 10,000 fresh mackerel in count.

At Boston this morning there were twelve seiners with the following Klondike trips:

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. Fred E. Carritt, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 24,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, 240 bbls. salt mackerel, 28,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Leander F. Gould, 50 bbls. salt mackerel, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. F. W. Homans, Capt. John Gallant, 50 bbls. salt mackerel, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, 140 bbls. salt mackerel, 20,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, 280 bbls. salt mackerel, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles H. Harty, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 25,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 27,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling, 250 bbls. salt mackerel, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Cateon, 145 bbls. salt mackerel, 12,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, 180 bbls. salt mackerel, 20,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Emerald, 15,000 fresh mackerel and some salt mackerel. A Boston message says that this little vessel is full.

Many of these vessels in Boston secured these big fares very quickly. Some of them did not sail from here until last Wednesday and Thursday, while several have been out but a week.

This is the fourth trip for Capt. Morgan of sch. Constellation since July 7, and in that time and on these four trips he has rolled up the unprecedented stock of over \$15,000 in 16 days, a record probably never equalled in the history of the fisheries. The Constellation has now stocked thus far this season about \$30,000 and perhaps a little over, and is far and away the high line of the fleet and has the greatest chance in the world of making the biggest stock ever made by a mackerel seiner or any vessel engaged in any kind of fishing in any season.

The crew of the Constellation have three of these trips to settle for after the vessel comes down here to take out her salt mackerel, and their check will be one of the largest ever taken for a seining trip.

Another crew which will have big checks to take when the vessel comes down to take out her salt mackerel is sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch. This craft since going out on this trip, has landed two good trips fresh at Boston, and together with this fare will have a stock of in the vicinity of \$9000 to settle for.

The fare of fresh mackerel of sch. Saladin at this port sold to W. E. Dennett at 13 cents each.

The fresh mackerel of schs. Golden-Rod and Muriel sold to John Nagle & Co. at 11 cents each and the fare of sch. Faustina sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 11 1-2 cents each.

The salt mackerel were sold at \$14.25 per barrel, sch. Monitor going to Reed & Gamage, sch. Speculator to D. E. Woodbury, sch. Muriel to George Perkins & Son, schs. Golden Rod and Lottie G. Merchant to William H. Jordan Co., schs. Norumbega, Saladin, Ingomar and Claudia to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., sch. Faustina and sch. Mary F. Curtis to John Pew & Son, sch. Smuggler to Shute & Merchant, and sch. Arcadia to Sylvanus Smith & Co.

Among the best news of the season is the word which comes of small mackerel being taken to the southward, the little seining sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, of this port arriving at Newport yesterday with 74 barrels of small fresh mackerel and six barrels of small salt mackerel and six swordfish. The salt mackerel go about 80 cent to the salted barrel.

The trap at Lunenburg had 70 large mackerel on Friday.

Big Shack Trips.

Schs. Fanny A. Smith and Catherine Burke are here today with big fares of shack, having 150,000 pounds and 160,000 pounds respectively, most of each of the fares being here.

MANY FARES OF MACKEREL.

Receipts Today the Largest of the Season.

PRICES HOLD IN GOOD SHAPE.

Many Big Trips Secured in Less Than a Week.

